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____ Per our conversation of even date, attached please find a copy of the response filed April 18, 2006, as well as a copy of the post card receipt evidencing receipt by the USPTO

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Application No. 10/630,734 Filing Date July 31, 2003
Applicant(s) NISHIYAMA et al
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: NISHIYAMA et al

Serial No.: 10/630,734

Filed: July 31, 2003

For: System For Monitoring Foreign Particles, Process Processing
Apparatus And Method Of Electronic Commerce

Art Unit: 2877

Examiner: H. Pham

RESPONSE

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April 18, 2006

Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2006.

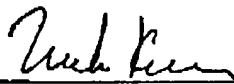
In response to the requirement to elect one of the inventions, identified by the Examiner, as Invention I - claims 1 - 11, 18, 24 and 27, drawn to a system for monitoring foreign matter; Invention II - claims 12, 13, 16, 19, 21, 23, 25 and 28, drawn to a process processing apparatus; and Invention III - claims 14, 15, 17, 20, 22, 26 and 29, drawn to a process processing apparatus group; applicants elect Invention I, including claims 1 - 11, 18, 24 and 27, drawn to a system for monitoring foreign matter.

In light of the election, applicants request favorable action with respect to the claims of Invention I.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.42995X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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